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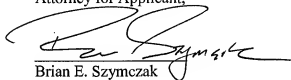
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the references that are listed on the attached PTO form 1449.

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue there from.

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This IDS is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) on the merits. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no fee is necessary. Should a fee be deemed necessary for submission of this IDS, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0359 of ArthroCare Corporation in order to effectuate this filing.

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